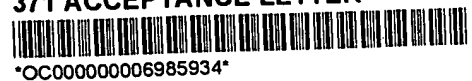


<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner For Patents, Box PCT, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231, www.uspto.gov		
U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
09/937,220	Akihiro Goto	Q65416
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.		
PCT/JP00/00303		
IA. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE	
01/24/2000		

Sughrue Mion Zinn
 Macpeak & Seas
 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Washington, DC 20037-3202

CONFIRMATION NO. 6650
371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



Date Mailed: 10/31/2001

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

09/24/2001
 DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and
 (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

09/24/2001
 DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C.
 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE** of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Oath or Declaration
- Request for Immediate Examination

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

BARBARA A CAMPBELL

Telephone: (703) 305-3631

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY